

Minutes were comprised from Alderman Donald LeBrun's notes as the audio was impaired.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber

President Brian S. McCarthy presided; City Clerk Patricia D. Piecuch recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Patricia D. Piecuch; Alderman Don LeBrun led in the Pledge to the Flag.

The roll call was taken with 9 members of the Board of Aldermen present; Alderman Cookson, Alderman Deane, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Caron and Alderman Siegel were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Rep. Suzanne Harvey, Rep. Cindy Rosenwald, Rep. Carl Seidel, Rep. Martin Jack, Rep. Latha Mangipudi, Rep. Kenneth Gidge, Rep. David Cote, and Senator Bette Lasky were also in attendance.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE READ BY TITLE ONLY MOTION CARRIED**

From: Brian S. McCarthy, President, Board of Aldermen  
Re: Special Board of Aldermen Meeting

#### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE MOTION CARRIED**

### DISCUSSION

Board of Alderman and Nashua Delegation

President McCarthy opened the discussion on the subject of state funding of pensions. The state needs to take a serious look at what the downshifting to Nashua causes.

Alderman Lopez stated the need for additional funds to address the opioid crisis, especially in Ward 4 which is his ward.

Alderman Wilshire addressed Senator Lasky in reference to the status of the rail bill. Senator Lasky outlined what has happened in the senate.

Rep. Carl Seidel explained what transpired in the Transportation Committee in the House. He referred particularly to the Chairman of his committee being from Bartlett, NH, and has always opposed rail. The Chairman is also the individual that brought forth the amendment at the last minute that essentially killed the Bill in the House.

Rep. Harvey stated that the young people would stay here if they had adequate transportation.

Rep. LeBrun stated we need to sell it better. Also, look at transportation east to west as well.

The conversation shifted to the pension funding. The state reduced the funding from an initial amount of 35% and now funds the cities and towns at 0%.

Alderman McCarthy said that we are at about 56% funding now and should be around 75%. We do not need to continue to increase beyond that but only to sustain it at about 75% - 80%. Currently the system appears to be about 63% according to Rep. Cote.

Alderman McCarthy addressed the registration fees at the Nashua Airport. Alderman Schoneman expanded on this issue. Exorbitant fees affected all aspects of our economy.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Attest: Patricia D. Piecuch, City Clerk